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SUBJECT: CHINA HIGHLIGHTS NO. 24

1. BIG MEDIA PLAY ON TOPICS RELATED TO SECRETARY'S VISIT

BOTH THE PRC NATIONAL AND THE PRO-PRC HONG KONG MEDIA HAVE FOCUSED IN VARIOUS WAYS ON SINO-U.S. RELATIONS. ARTICLES IN THE PRC MEDIA HAVE GLORIFIED PAST TRIUMPHS OF THE PRC'S NAVY AND AIR FORCE IN BATTLES AGAINST KMT FORCES AND "U.S. IMPERIALISTS." THE ARTICLES' MAIN MESSAGE (HOWEVER IMPLAUSIBLE) SEEMS TO BE THAT THE PRC'S ARMED FORCES ARE CAPABLE OF MILITARY CONQUEST OF TAIWAN. THIS POINT WAS MADE MOST EXPLICITLY IN AN AUGUST 16 RADION BROADCAST TO TAIWAN, WHICH PLEDGED THAT, "INCE CHAIRMAN HUA AND THE CCP ISSUE THE ORDER, WE (THE NAVY) WILL CROSS THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TAIWAN STRAIT TO PLANT THE RED FLAG ON TAIWAN." AN ARTICLE CONTAINING AN UNUSUALLY NEGATIVE ASSESSMENT OF U.S. "DECADENT CAPITALIST SOCIETY" AUGMENTED THIS HARD LINE. AT THE SAME TIME, THE USUAL HARSH ANTI-SOVIET LINE CONTINUED UNCHANGED.

B. THE LOCAL PRO-PEKING PRESS, SPEAKING TO DIFFERENT

AUDIENCES, APPEARED TO BE ATTEMPTING TO COVER ALL POSSIBLE OUTCOMES OF THE SECRETARY'S TRIP. AN AUGUST 16 "NEW EVENING POST" COMMENTARY WAS OPTIMISTIC, NOTING MOVEMENT IN BOTH HOUSES OF CONGRESS TOWARD A PRO-NORMALIZATION STANCE. IN CONTRAST, AND IN LIGHT OF THE DEPARTMENT SPOKESMAN'S REMARKS, THIS PAPER'S COMMENTATOR STATED ON AUGUST 17 THAT NO "MOMENTOUS ANNOUNCEMENT" COULD BE EXPECTED FROM THE CARTER ADMINISTRATION'S FIRST MEETING WITH PRC LEADERS, AND THAT PROGRESS DEPENDED ON U.S. WILLINGNESS TO "MARCH FORWARD." A COMMON THEME RUNNING THROUGH ALL THE LOCAL COMMENTARIES IS INSISTENCE THAT THE U.S. ABROGATE ITS MUTUAL SECURITY TREATY WITH TAIWAN AS AN ESSENTIAL PREREQUISITE FOR NORMALIZING RELATIONS.

2. NATIONAL PARTY MEETINGS

IT APPEARS LIKELY THAT BEFORE THE SECRETAR ARRIVES THERE NEXT MONDAY PEKING WILL HAVE PUBLICIZED ITS NEW LEADERSHIP LINEUP AND CURRENT GENERAL POLITICS. ANNOUNCEMENTS ARE EXPECTED IMMINENTLY ON THE PROCEEDINGS AND DECISIONS OF THE ELEVENTH PARTY CONGRESS AND THE NEW CENTRAL COMMITTEE, WHICH PRESUMABLY WOULD MEET RIGHT AFTER THE CONGRESS TO ELECT THE POLITBURO.

3. TEN HSIAO-PING ON THE RISE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FOR THE MOMENT, DESPITE THE CONTINUING CAMPAGIN TO BUILD UP CHAIRMAN HUA'S IMAGE, IT IS TENG HSIAO-PING WHO IS FOREMOST IN PUBLIC ATTENTION. DOMESTIC MEDIA PRIASE FOR TENG'S RESTORATION IS EXPANSIVE. TENG'S SPEECH AT THE JULY PLENUM HAS ALREADY BEEN QUOTED IN PROVINCIAL MEDIA AND, ACCORDING TO THE LOCAL ".8,& 0-8", IT IS THE PLENUM DOCUMENT GETTING THE LION'S SHARE OF CADRE ATTENTION. NCNA'S HIGHLIGHTING OF TENG'S STATEMENTS ON SCIENCE AND MODERNIZATION IN TWO MEETINGS THIS WEEK WITH CHINESE-AMERICAN SCIENTISTS MARKS HIM AS A PROPOUNDER OF REGIME POLICY LINES, A RESPONSIBILITY WHICH CHAIRMAN HUA HERETOFRE HAD SHARED ONLY (AND AT THAT ONLY OCCASIONALLY) WITH VICE CHAIRMAN YEH CHIEN-YING.
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